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**In re Application of:**

Examiner: S. Hsieh

Group Art Unit: 2861

July 21, 2005

For: TUBE PUMP, DISCHARGE  
RECOVERING APPARATUS AND  
INK JET RECORDING APPARATUS

Mail Stop Amendment  
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## SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Further to the Information Disclosure Statement filed October 24, 2003, in compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. In accordance with the pre-OG Notice dated July 11, 2003, entitled "Information Disclosure Statements May Be Filed Without Copies of U.S. Patents and Published Applications in Patent Applications filed after June 30, 2003," only a copy of the listed foreign document is enclosed.

The listed Chinese document was cited in an Official Letter of a corresponding Chinese application. A copy of the Official Letter is included for the Examiner's convenience.

US '977 and US '295 correspond to CN '179.

CN '179 may be relevant for the reasons summarized in its English abstract.

STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(e)

Each item of information in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Statement.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

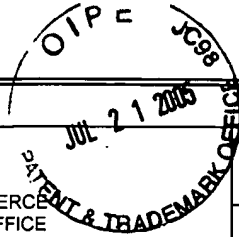
Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

*EXAMINER'S INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
		<b>6,082,977</b>	<b>07/2000</b>	<b>NISHIOKA</b>			

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT
		<b>1176179</b>	<b>03/1998</b>	<b>CHINA</b>			<b>ABSTRACT</b>

## OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)


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